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**UM PRESIDENT CONDEMNS TREE SPIKING EVENT**

**MISSOULA--**

University of Montana President James V. Koch today condemned a tree-spiking contest, planned as part of Boondockers' Day events scheduled on the campus this afternoon.

Tree spiking is the practice of placing iron spikes in trees to prevent them from being cut by the timber industry. The practice is hazardous to sawyers and mill workers who unknowingly cut them down and run them through mill saws.

Koch issued the following statement: "The University of Montana abhors and does not condone any activities such as tree spiking. UM finds repugnant the activities of individuals who deliberately illustrate techniques that will result in random physical harm being inflicted upon other innocent human beings. While such illustrations may not be against the law, they are morally reprehensible and deserve our strongest criticism. UM will enforce any applicable laws that do apply to such activities and calls upon the University community to reject such activities as dangerous and morally objectionable."

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